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<b>(54) Title:</b> NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS ANTIGEN  <b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>The invention provides BASB053 polypeptides and polynucleotides encoding BASB053 polypeptides and methods for producing such polypeptides by recombinant techniques. Also provided are diagnostic, prophylactic and therapeutic uses.</p>		